Adventure 10 Their First Gym Battle

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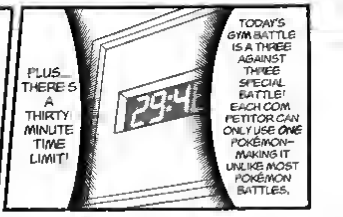
CHALLENG-
ING THE
TRIPLET
GYM
LEADERS
ARE...
THE
STRIATON
GYM BATTLE
HAS BEGUN!
...WE
THREE
CHILDHOOD
FRIENDS!

WHOMP
WHACK

IT'S THREE AGAINST THREE, SO TECHNICALLY WE'RE EVENLY MATCHED— BUT SO FAR...
THE TEAM WITH THE MOST POKÉMON STANDING AFTER THIRTY MINUTES WINS.


PLUS— THERE'S A THIRTY MINUTE TIME LIMIT!
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TODAY'S GYM BATTLE IS A THREE AGAINST THREE SPECIAL BATTLE! EACH COMPETITOR CAN ONLY USE ONE POKÉMON— MAKING IT UNLIKE MOST POKÉMON BATTLES.

IT'S NO USE!

FOOSH!
TEP!

OSHAWOTT! USE WATER GUN TOO!
SPOO
SPLOSH
PAN-POUR, WATER GUN!
WELL THEN... PANSAGE, VINE WHIP!
WAP WAP
SNIVY...
...WRAP!!
ZWPPP
SPRONG

AND IT'S ALL OVER!!
INCIN-ERATE!
AH, SO THAT'S YOUR STRATEGY, IS IT? FINE THEN PANSEAR.
krackle

THE WAY WE'RE LINED UP... THEY CAN ATTACK OUR POKÉMON WITH THE MOST EFFECTIVE MOVES.
HA HA... THEY'RE PRETTY TOUGH

ISN'T THAT OBVIOUS...?
HOW DID YOU GUYS DECIDE WHICH ORDER TO STAND IN?
WE'RE AT A DISADVANTAGE!
WATER-TYPE PANPOUR AGAINST FIRE-TYPE TEPIG... GRASS-TYPE PANSAGE AGAINST WATER-TYPE OSHAWOTT.. FIRE-TYPE PANSEAR AGAINST GRASS-TYPE SNIVY...
IT MIGHT SEEM LIKE WE HAVE AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE... BUT PLEASE UNDERSTAND— THAT'S THE KIND OF GYM WE ARE.
WE POSITIONED OURSELVES BASED ON OUR KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR POKÉMON
YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT...?!
OH, ONE MORE THING.. YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO SWITCH PLACES DURING THIS BATTLE.
THAT'S OUR GYM'S *RAISON D'ETRE!*
THERE ARE MANY KINDS OF GYMS OURS IS DEDICATED TO TEACHING OUR CHALLENGERS ABOUT POKÉMON ***TYPES!***

I JUST WANTED TO UNDERSTAND YOUR STRATEGY, THAT'S ALL.
NO ONE'S WHINING ABOUT NOTHING.
CHEREN! BIANCA! READY...?
THIS BATTLE IS GOING TO BE ABOUT DEALING WITH THE DISADVANTAGE OF FIGHTING POKÉMON TYPES WHO HAVE AN ADVANTAGE OVER OUR POKÉMON TYPES.
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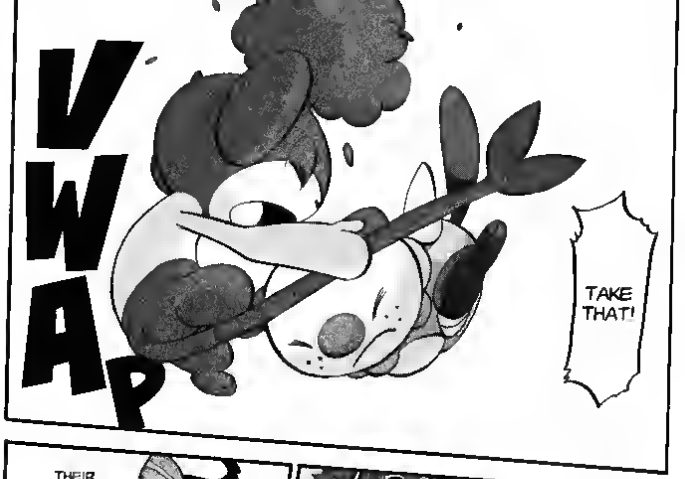
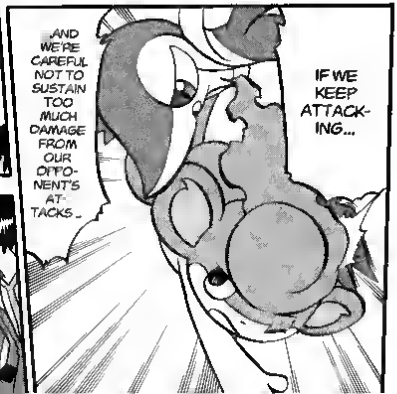
EVEN THOUGH POOR OSHAWOTT'S UP AGAINST A POKÉMON WHO IT'S WEAK AGAINST...
READY! OSHAWOTT AND I WILL DO OUR BEST!


VWAP
TAKE THAT!

THEIR POKÉMON HAVE THE ADVANTAGE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN OUR ATTACKS ARE POWERLESS
THAT'S RIGHT!

FWOP
NO WAY ARE WE GOING TO LOSE!

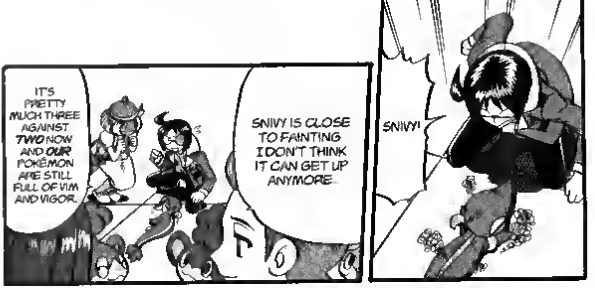
. WE COULD STILL WIN! IT WILL JUST TAKE LONGER!
THEN .


AND WE'RE CAREFUL NOT TO SUSTAIN TOO MUCH DAMAGE FROM OUR OPPONENT'S ATTACKS .
IF WE KEEP ATTACKING...

THAT'S THE SPIRIT, CHEREN!
PAT!

AH! LOOKS LIKE THEIR TEAMWORK IS IMPROVING.
WORKING TOGETHER TO SOLVE THOSE TESTS MUST HAVE TAUGHT THEM HOW TO COOPERATE BETTER.
BUT...
WHEN IT COMES TO COOPERATION...
...WE'RE TRIPLETS
WORKING TOGETHER IS...
RAH
RAHRAHRAH
"SECOND-NO THIRD-NATURE FOR US!! NOW WORK UP!!

NOW FOR A REALLY POWERFUL ATTACK...
YOU CAN NEITHER DODGE NOR WITHSTAND IT...
EXACTLY.
YIKES! ALL THREE OF THEM GOT STRONGER ALL OF A SUDDEN!
IT'S THAT KIND OF MOVE, BIANCA.
TAKE THAT!!
KRESH
KRASH

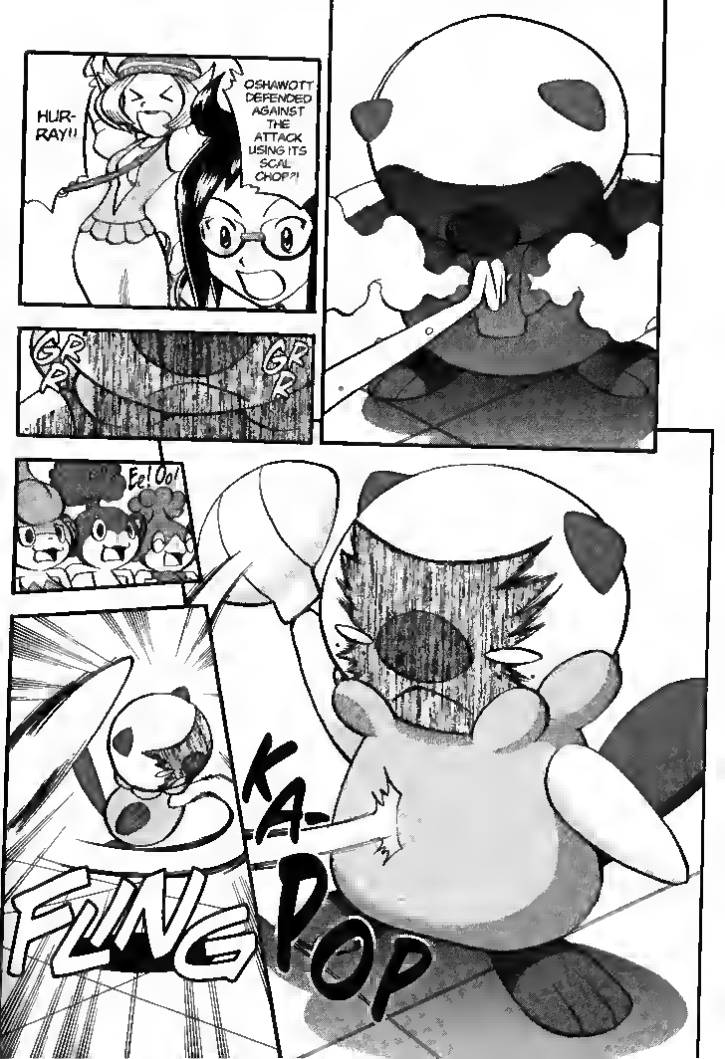

IT'S PRETTY MUCH THREE AGAINST TWO NOW AND OUR POKÉMON ARE STILL FULL OF VIM AND VIGOR.
SNIVY IS CLOSE TO FAINTING I DON'T THINK IT CAN GET UP ANYMORE...
SNIVY!

AFTER ALL, WE RUN A THREE-STAR RESTAU-RANT!
WE, TOO, ARE THREE BRIGHT SHINING STARS
OUR TEAM WORK SPARKLES!

RELAX, CHE-REN...
THIS BATTLE IS TOO UNCON-VENTIONAL FOR MY TASTE!
LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN PUT OUT EVEN ONE OF OUR SHINING STARS.

...AND WE FOUGHT A TRIPLE BATTLE.
I FOUGHT A TRAINER, A HIKER NAMED ANDY, ON MY WAY HERE...
THE THREE OF US ARE BASICALLY STANDING IN A ROW AND FIGHTING THREE SINGLE BATTLES SEPARATELY...
IN THAT BATTLE STYLE, A TRAINER USES THREE POKÉMON. THIS BATTLE IS JUST LIKE THAT, EXCEPT FOR ONE LITTLE THING.
SO THAT WOULD MAKE THIS BATTLE...
YOU CERTAINLY STUDY HARD!
OUR OPPONENT JUST NEEDS TO BE IN RANGE OF OUR ATTACK!
JUST LIKE IN A TRIPLE BATTLE, THE POKÉMON WE'RE ATTACKING DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF US.
IF WE WERE TO GIVE IT A NAME, THAT IS
...A TRIO BATTLE!!

FINE, BLACK. BUT WHAT'S YOUR STRATEGY?
UM...
OH, OH!
I'VE GOT IT!
BIANCA! NOT AGAIN!
THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY...!
OSHAWOTT, CHARGE!
SPLOO
WHUMP
AGH! NO..!


HUR-RAY!!
OSHAWOTT DEFENDED AGAINST THE ATTACK USING ITS SCAL CHOP?!
GR R
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Ee! Oo!
KA-
POP
FLING

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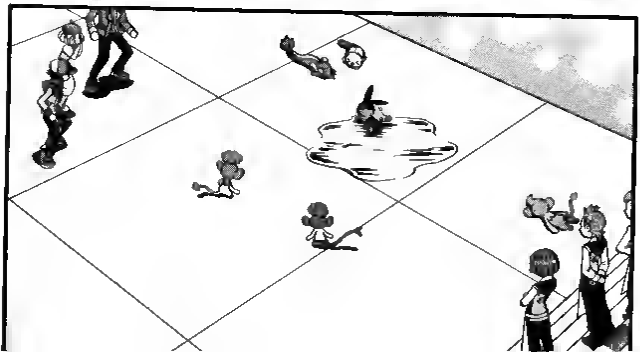
oooooop
SLISH
AN ATTACK USING OSHAWOTT'S SCALCHOP SOAKED IN WATER.
APPARENTLY THAT HAS A POWERFUL EFFECT ON A FIRE-TYPE POKÉMON LIKE FANSEAR.
THAT REALLY STEAMS ME UP!
ka-tink
flop

NOW ITS EVEN AGAIN. TWO AGAINST TWO!
BIANCA SAVED THE DAY!
Y-YOU'RE AMAZ-ING, BIANCA!
KA-KRAK
NOW THAT WE'VE SEEN IT...
BUT YOU CAN ONLY USE THAT TRICK ONCE!
Z WISH
05:23
IT'LL GROW OUT AGAIN- BUT NOT BEFORE THIS BATTLE IS OVER!
I'VE HEARD AN OSHAWOTT'S SCALCHOP IS LIKE A PERSON'S FINGERNAIL...
IT SMASHED OSHA WOTT'S SCAL CHOP!

WHIP
SHLOOP SHLOOP
NOW IT'S TWO AGAINST ONE
SPLA
SPLOOSH
TUMP
TUMP

KR
AK!
FASH!

SPLOOSH
WHAK
SMAK
OH MY TEPIG DECIDED TO ATTACK PANSAGE IT MUST KNOW IT DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST PANPOUR.
WHUMP
THUMP
BUT ...



SLUMP...
SL...
EH?
SO IT'S TWO AGAINST ZERO AND— VICTORY!
AND FANSAGE AND PANPOUR ARE STILL GOING STRONG
ALL THREE OF THEIR POKÉMON ARE DOWN
TEPIG IS ON THE VERGE OF FAINTING. LOOKS LIKE WE'LL WIN EXACTLY WHEN THE TIME RUNS OUT.
THIR TY SEC ONDS LEFT
00:37
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

mnch mnch
mnch mnch
mnch mnch
THEY PELL OFF PANSAGE'S HEAD DURING THE BATTLE.
THEY'RE EATING PANSAGE'S LEAVES.
SHAAA!

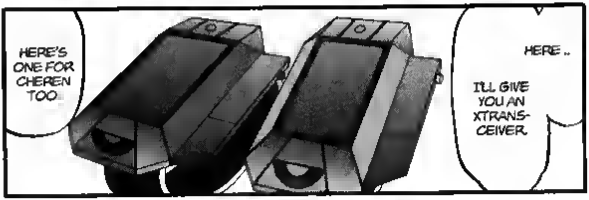
BREEP!!
00:00
IT'S TWO AGAINST THREE NOW!!
WE WON!!

#17 Pansage
Grass Monkey Pokémon
Height 2' 04"
Weight 23.1 lbs
This Pokémon dwells deep in the forest. Emits a leaf from its head whose weariness away as if by magic
Tutor
LOOK-
I DON'T GET IT. WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
BUT HOW, BLACK?!

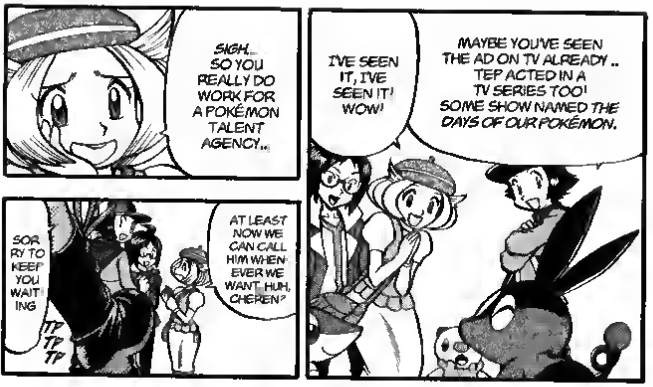
...EVER SINCE WE STARTED WORKING ON OUR APPETIZER. OUR TEST.
WE WERE AT A DISADVANTAGE THANKS TO OUR POKÉMON TYPES AND LACK OF BATTLE EXPERIENCE, SO I'VE BEEN ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HELP US...
YEP.
YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT THAT TOO, DID YOU?!
I JUST WANTED TO PROVE THAT I WAS PUTTING THE ONE THAT'S STILL WORKING TO GOOD USE.
I FELT REALLY BAD ABOUT BREAKING THE OTHER TWO POKÉDEXES...
I HAD NO IDEA IT COULD BE SO HANDY IN BATTLE!
YOU WON BY USING YOUR POKÉDEX!
OH, BUT YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG...
WELL DONE, BLACK!
..THE TRIO BADGE!
THE SYMBOL OF YOUR VICTORY AND PROOF OF YOUR POKÉMON TRAINER SKILLS...
WHATEVER THE MOTIVE, YOU WON THE BATTLE YOU'VE DONE WELL. HERE YOU GO!

CHEREN KEPT THANKING THEM OVER AND OVER FOR THE GYM BATTLE AND APOLOGIZING FOR SOMETHING OR OTHER....
WHAT TOOK YOU GUYS SO LONG?
SIGH

SURE I UNDER STAND
HEY, BLACK... PROFESSOR JUNIPER WANTS TO KEEP IN CONTACT WITH YOU. SO DO WE.
THAT'S TRUE
YOU ALWAYS DID HAVE SUPER GOOD MANNERS— EVER SINCE YOU WERE A LITTLE KID!


HERE'S ONE FOR CHEREN TOO.
HERE..
I'LL GIVE YOU AN XTRANS-CEIVER.

THE COMPANY I WORK FOR HIRED OUT POKÉMON TO ACT IN A XTRANSCEIVER TV COMMERCIAL, AND THEY GAVE US LOTS OF SAMPLES
A COMMUNI-CATION DEVICE.
WOW! COOL! ...WHAT IS IT?


SIGH... SO YOU REALLY DO WORK FOR A POKÉMON TALENT AGENCY...
I'VE SEEN IT, I'VE SEEN IT! WOW!
MAYBE YOU'VE SEEN THE AD ON TV ALREADY.. TEP ACTED IN A TV SERIES TOO! SOME SHOW NAMED THE DAYS OF OUR POKÉMON.
SOR RY TO KEEP YOU WAIT ING
TT TP TP
AT LEAST NOW WE CAN CALL HIM WHEN EVER WE WANT, HUH, CHEREN?

HOW DID YOUR GYM BATTLE GO?

WELL, I BETTER GET GOING..
BIANCA.
Oh, she really does run a talent agency!
I'M CHE REN.
OH, HELLO! I'M WHITE. I REPRESENT THE BW AGENCY. IF YOU'RE IN SHOW BIZ, DON'T HESITATE TO CALL!
HI, BOSS. IT WENT GREAT. MY TWO FRIENDS HERE FOUGHT BY MY SIDE.
BYE, CHEREN! BYE, BIANCA— THANKS A LOT!
SEE YOU SOON!
AGH! WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM— AGAIN!
HIS...WHAT? YOU DIDN'T ASK HIM, BIANCA?
NO...
CHEREN? WHAT'S BLACK'S XTRANSCIEVER NUMBER?